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## **KSP Receives Perfect PREA Audit Score**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 20, 2015)** – Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP) received a perfect score during its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities in the country.

“I am very proud of the staff for maintaining the high standards set by this legislation and the department,” said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. “The PREA audit process gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the zero tolerance standard outlined in our policy and to attain a perfect score of 100 percent shows the true dedication of all the staff at KSP.”

PREA auditors Matthew Heckman and Jeremy Simonsen from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services conducted the audit. The audit itself, including the tour and interviews, confirmed that the staff and inmates at KSP know and practice the written policy.

“I am exceedingly proud of our staff who worked diligently as a team to implement the PREA standards and processes into our daily operations,” said Warden Randy White. “Migrating a 130-year-old high security prison toward full PREA compliance was a challenge that our staff embraced.”

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. Each of Kentucky’s 13 prisons will receive an initial PREA audit within the first three-year audit period that concludes in August 2016, with follow-up audits conducted once every three years on a continuous cycle.

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